

BROWARD A SAFE PILOT FOR THE SHIP OF STATE

Has Made no Mistakes, Is Careful, Ponders Well and Decides Wisely on All Questions.

(Jefferson Bell in The Florida Sun.)

One month ago today Hon. Napoleon B. Broward was inaugurated governor of Florida, and it seems clear from the state papers that his official course during this early period of his administration is being closely scrutinized for indications as to what manner of governor Mr. Broward will make for the state during the next four years. There have been no disappointments unless one may speak of pleasant disappointments. Governor Broward has made no mistakes. He is measuring up handsomely to the delicate and important duties of his high office. He has proven himself possessed of splendid qualifications for rendering to the state services of such great value and usefulness that his administration will occupy a bright and prominent place in Florida's history.

This is not fulsome flattery or any other kind of flattery. It is a deliberate estimate based upon a careful, critical and dispassionate observation of the governor's manner of approaching, considering and disposing of the multitudinous and varied duties which constantly demand the attention and action of the executive.

Mistaken Impressions.

It cannot be denied that there are many people in the state who thought—and no doubt honestly thought—that when Mr. Broward was installed as the governor's office he would be a good deal like the proverbial bull in a china shop. Others there are who seemed to feel and to fear that the governor was so lacking in previous training and experience in meeting and coping with the class—which engage the thought of the executive that he would be at all but helpless, and that his actions would be governed either by luck or by the influence of others.

As patriotic citizens of Florida, all persons who have at any time entertained either of such theories must now be enjoying what I have termed "pleasant disappointments."

Governor Broward's record, now well started, shows that instead of giving justification to the misgivings of any who lacked full confidence in him, he stands as the cautious, alert, prudent, studious and confident commanding general with his forces well in hand, the situation before him carefully mapped out, and a definite policy settled and assured of fulfillment.

Cannot Be Hurried.

Neither hesitancy, vacillation nor rashness characterize him. He is not trying to go in a hurry, and there is no person that has power to hurry him unduly and beyond his will. He decides no question until he fully understands it, and he is never satisfied until he fully understands any question until it has been heard and considered in its every phase. He is a good listener, as the saying goes, and upon occasion, a close and very practical questioner. When once his mind is made up—well, its made up and it stays made up.

There's nothing theatrical about the governor. He is no fancy man. No impression he has made is clearer



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A RECONSTRUCTION ALABAMA BALLOT

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TROOPS GUARDED BAL-
LOT BOX.

The Andalusia, Ala., News says: J. J. Ballard has a copy of the first ballot he ever cast. It was voted in Greenville in 1874, during the days of reconstruction. George S. Houston was the democratic candidate for governor and R. F. Ligon for lieutenant governor; for justices of the supreme court, Thomas J. Judge, Robert C. Brickell and Amos R. Manning; for attorney general, John W. A. Sanford; for secretary of state, Rufus K. Boyd; for treasurer, Daniel Crawford; for superintendent of public instruction, John McKelroy; for congressmen-at-large, Burwell B. Lewis and William H. Forney; for chancellor of southern division, Hurlscio Austill; judge of eleventh circuit, John K. Henry; congress second district, John A. Padgett. Then follows the Butler county democratic candidates, many of whom, if not all, have passed over the river.

Mr. Ballard says that troops were on hand to see that the negroes were not interfered with, and that a rope was stretched leading to the polls. The whites marched up one side and the negroes the other side. He says the voters were lined up for a long distance like people trying to get to a theatre ticket office and that when a man voted he would drop out and the line would move up, the next man in rotation taking a turn at the ballot box.

Mr. Ballard prizes his relic very highly. It is possibly the only copy of that election ballot in existence.

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HAVE SLIM CHANCE TO LAND HUSBANDS

GIRLS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS
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DER PRESENT CONDI-
TIONS.

(New York Press.)

There is no girl in the world so handicapped in the race of matrimony as the middle-class American girl. It is all very well to prate of liberty and co-education, and all that sort of thing, but the American girl who does not have to work for her living and who is yet not wealthy enough to be invited to balls and parties and taken to Europe has about as much liberty and about as much chance of acquiring a good, substantial husband as a bird in a gilded cage.

Wealthy American girls are introduced to men socially. They go about here and there, with chaperons and maids, and meet the American man at home and the foreign man abroad. They may buy themselves dukes if the whim seizes them. If they are not popular it is because they were not born to be so, not for lack of opportunity.

On the other hand, the woman who goes into business, the girl in the shops, the typewriter girl, the very maid in the kitchen, is thrown among men daily, and if she does not find a good husband it is because she was never meant by Providence to get one.

But, alas for the middle-class girl! Outside of a few pink teas, where men wouldn't attend if they were invited, she has no particular social life. During her boarding school days she makes eyes at a few callow youths, and if she has a brother she may by chance induce him to bring home a girl or two for the holidays. But she is thrown with men neither in business nor socially. She feels that she is a bit too proud or too comfortable at home to go to work, and yet she is not rich enough to travel or to entertain.

It is only by accident that she ever meets an eligible man. Slowly but surely she sinks into old-maidhood, wondering vainly why Prince Charming never appeared, or else she grows tired of the monotony and breaks out into a profession or goes in for church work, where she meets and marries the minister.

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RHEUMATISM



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